

1st Samuel 4

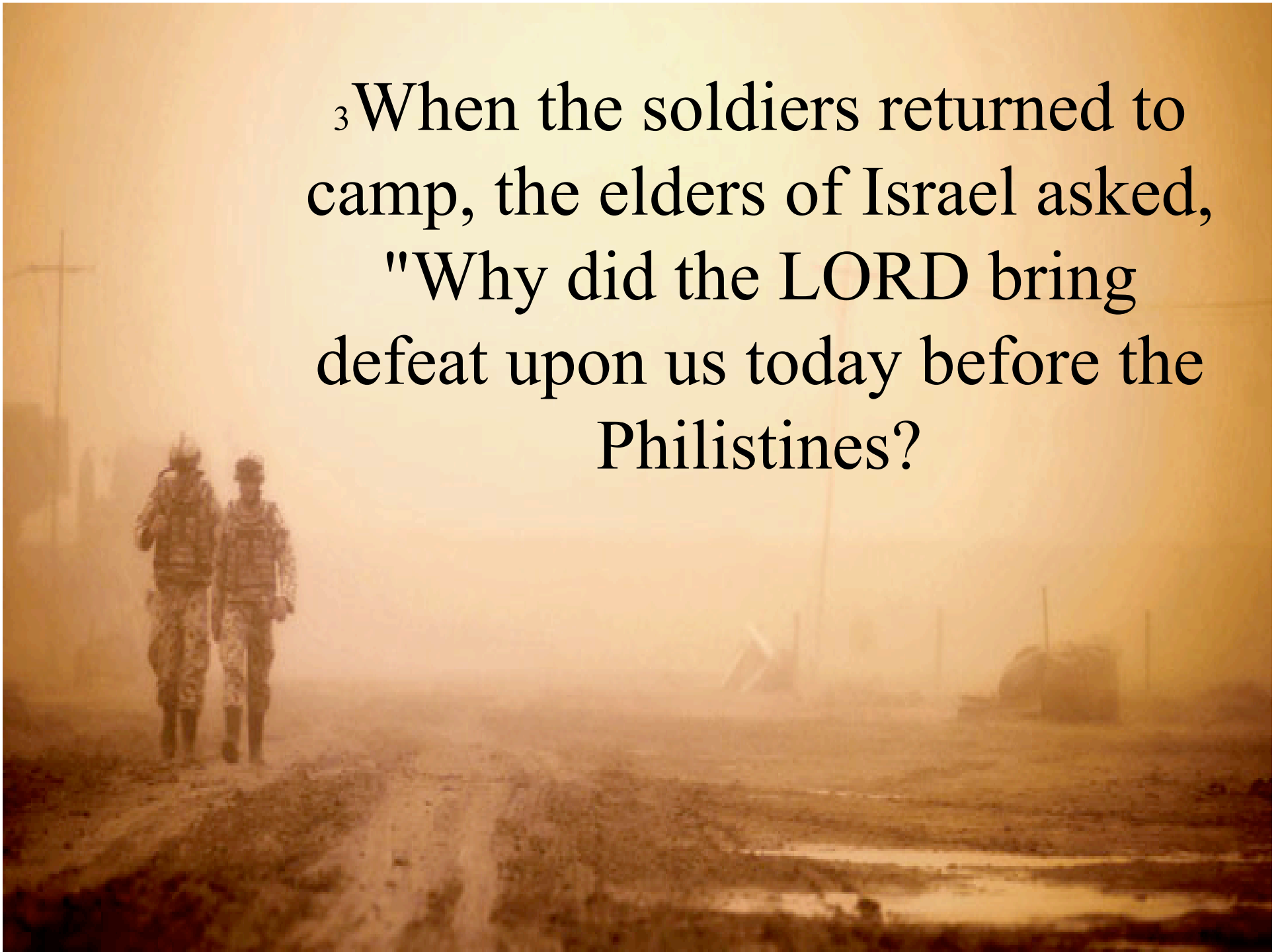
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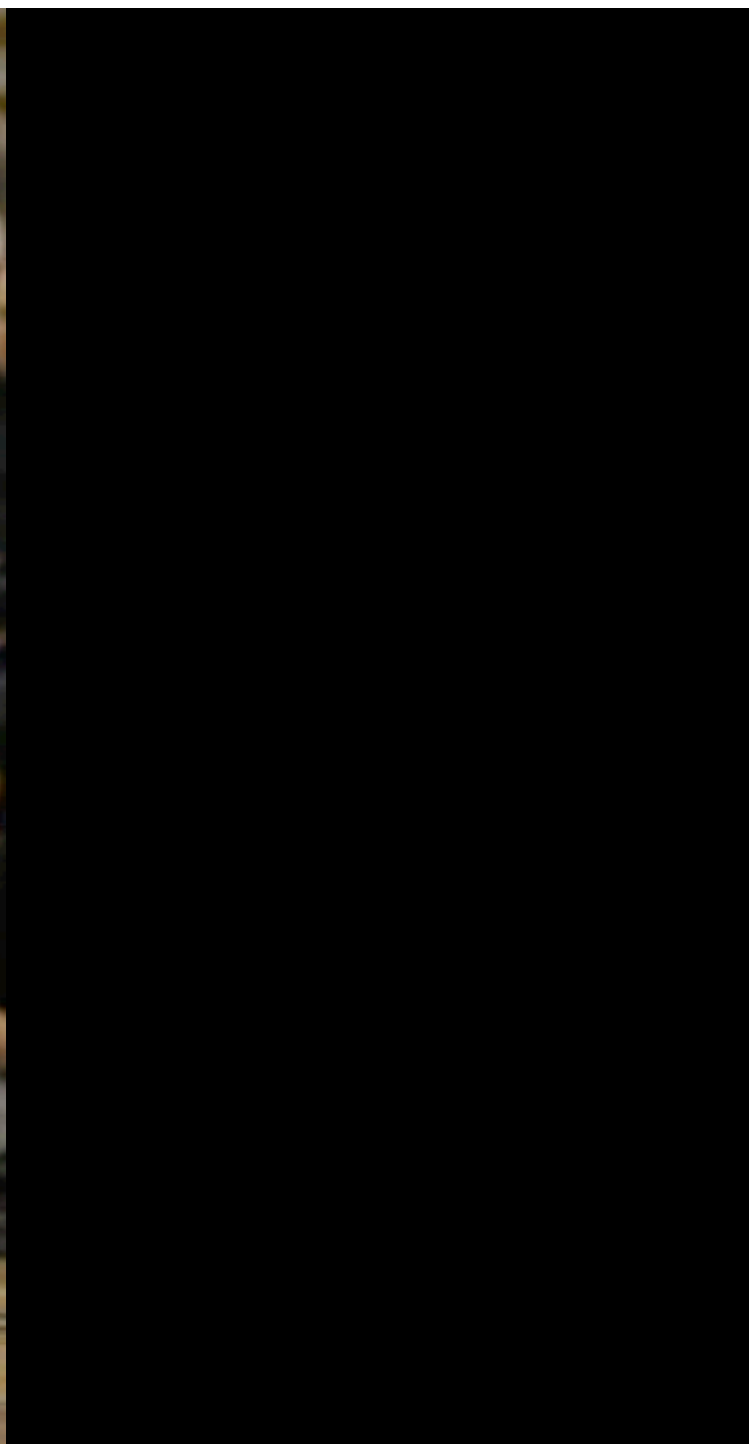


²The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand of them on the battlefield.

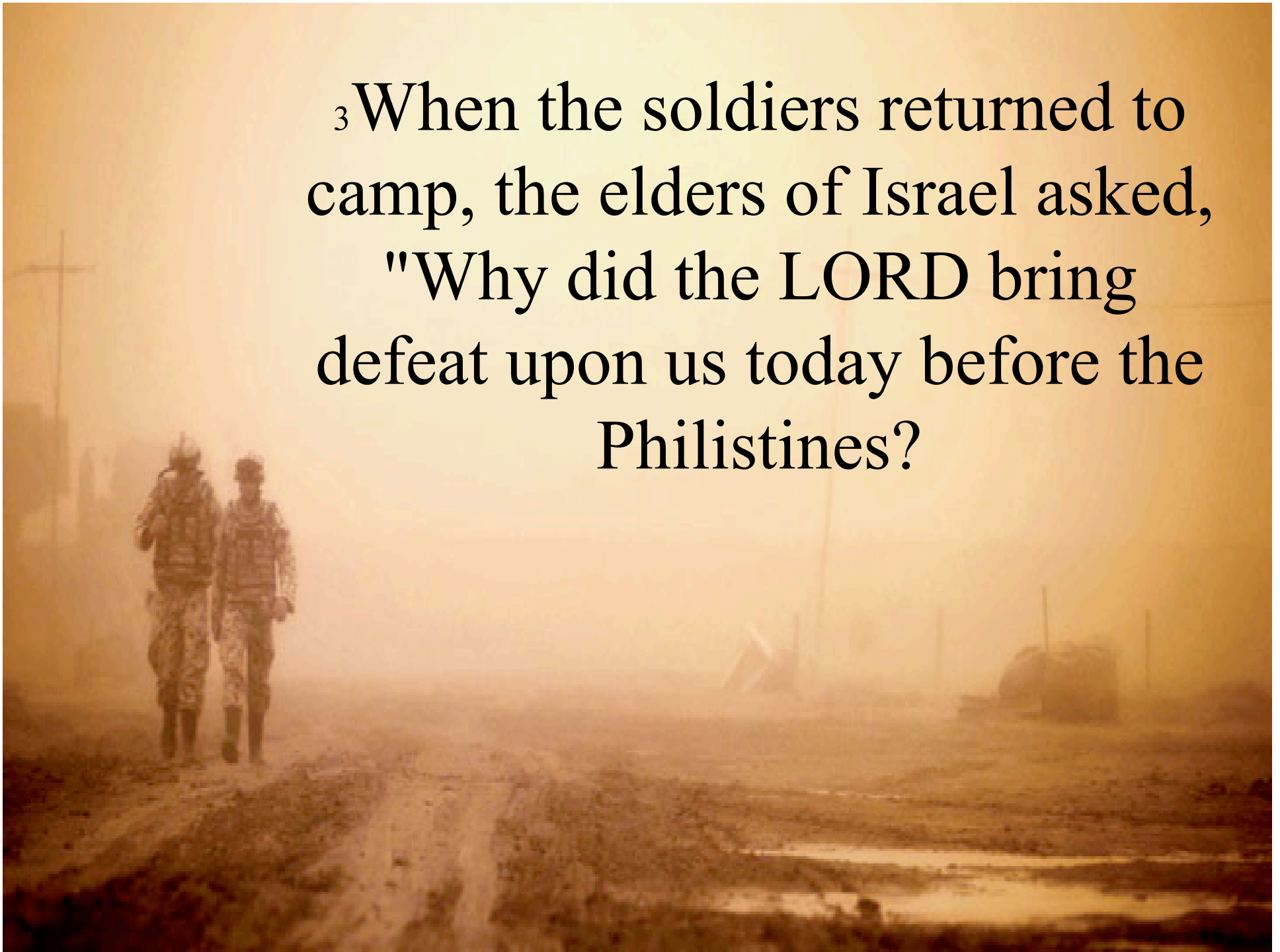
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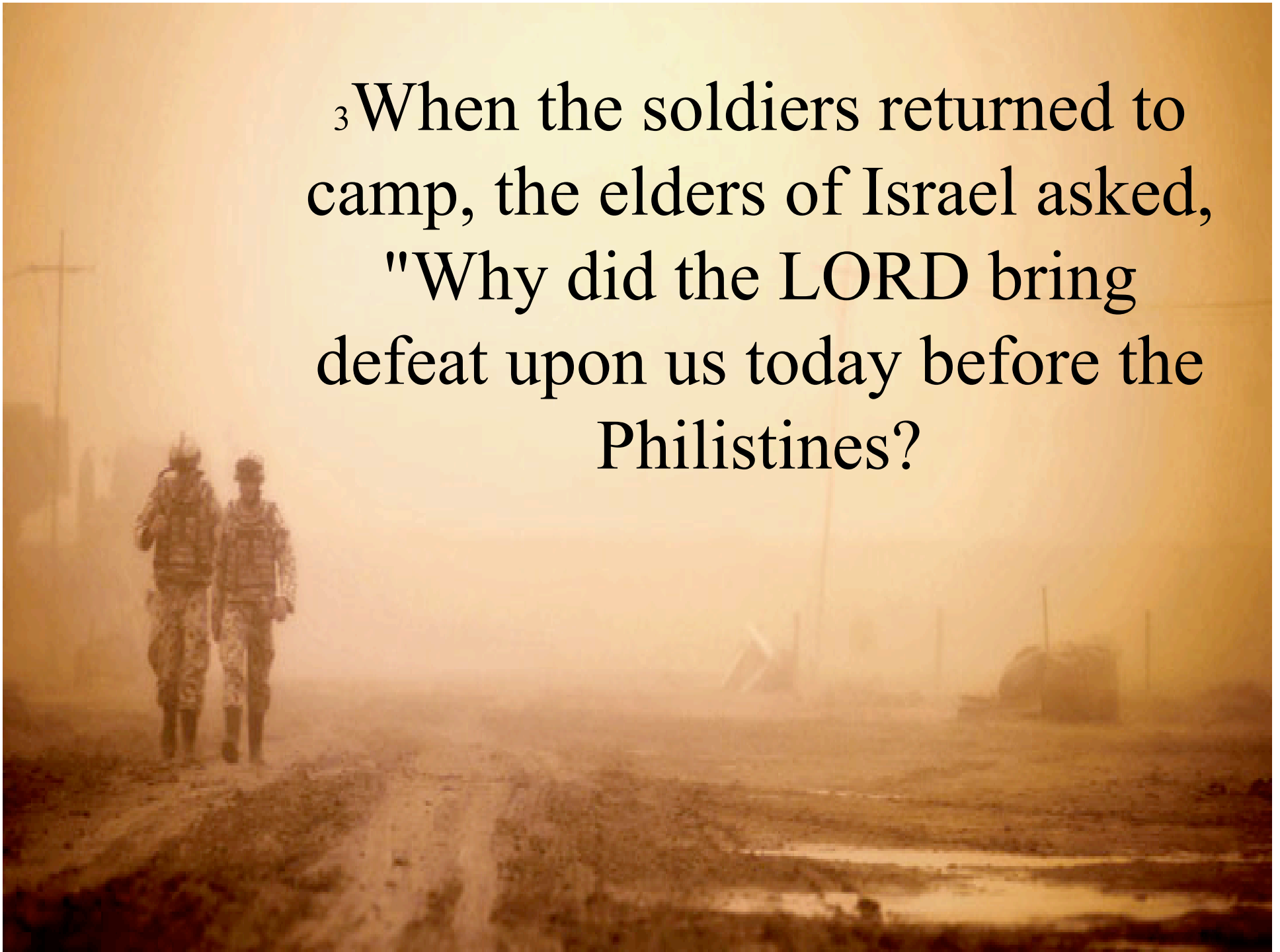


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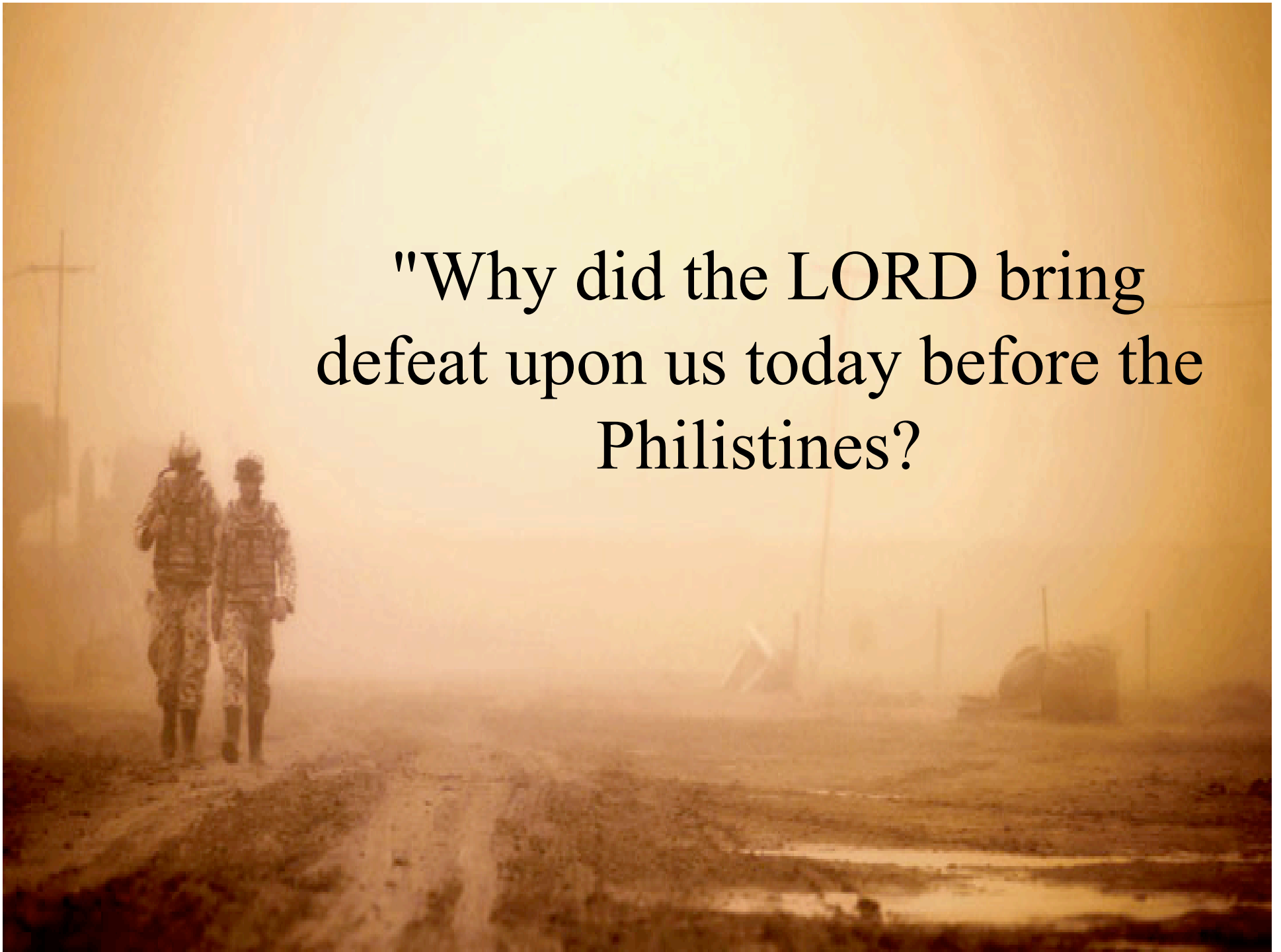
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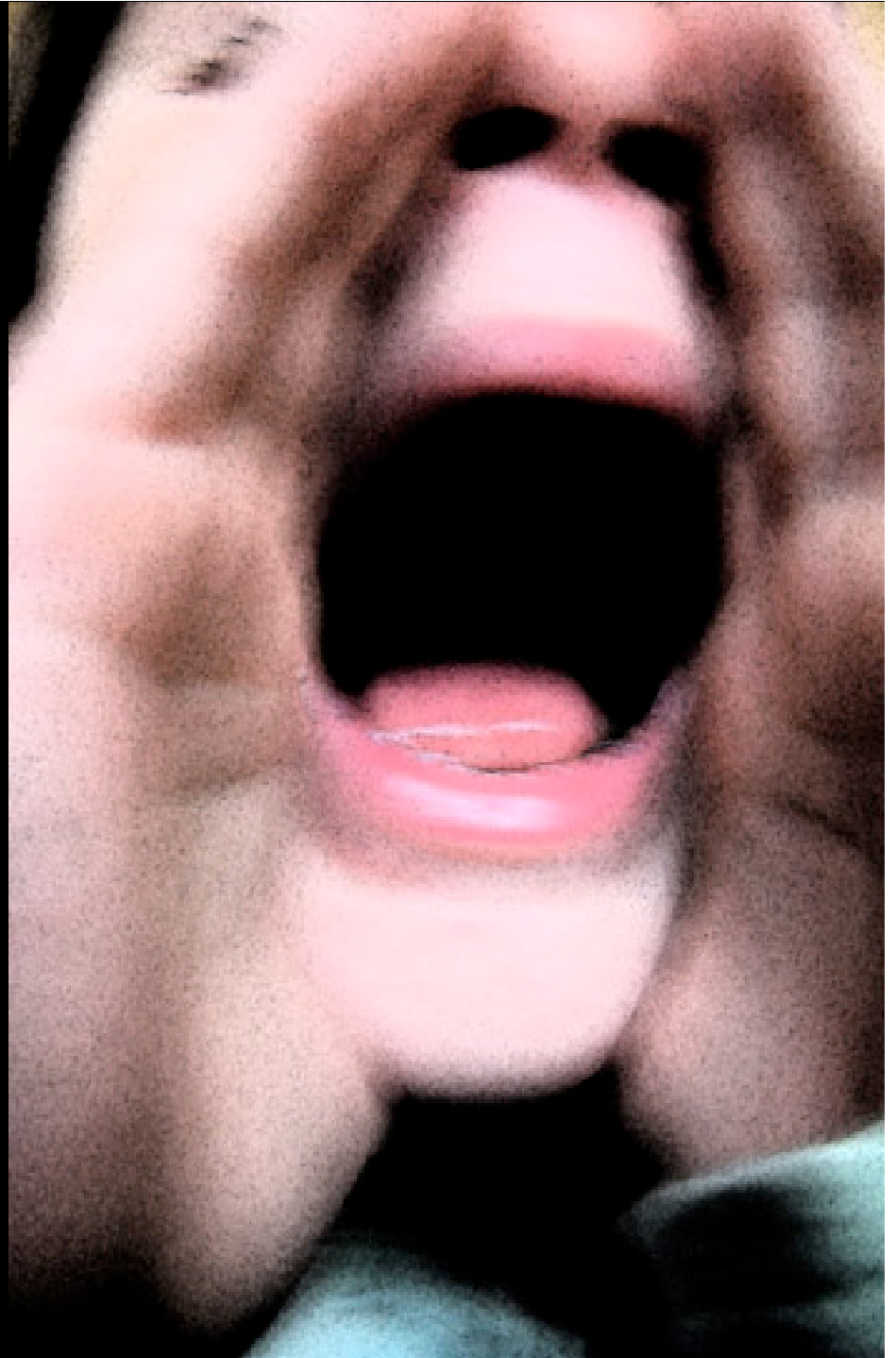
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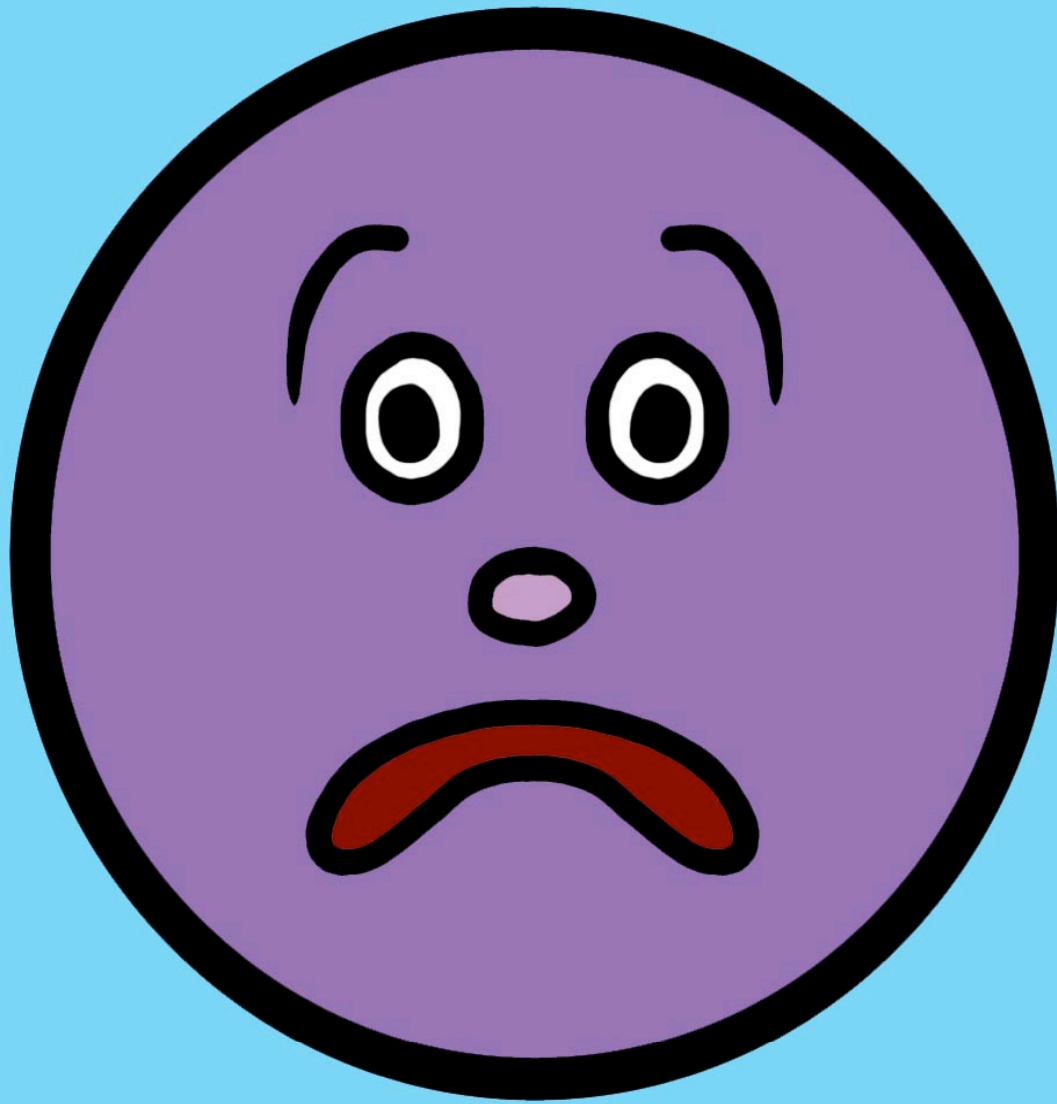
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⁵When the ark of the
LORD's covenant
came into the camp,
all Israel raised such a
great shout that the
ground shook.

⁶Hearing the uproar,
the Philistines asked,
"What's all this
shouting in the
Hebrew camp?"





AFRAID

When they
learned
that the ark
of the
LORD had
come into
the camp,
the
Philistines
were afraid.



A god has come into the camp," they said.

"We're in trouble! Nothing like this has happened before.

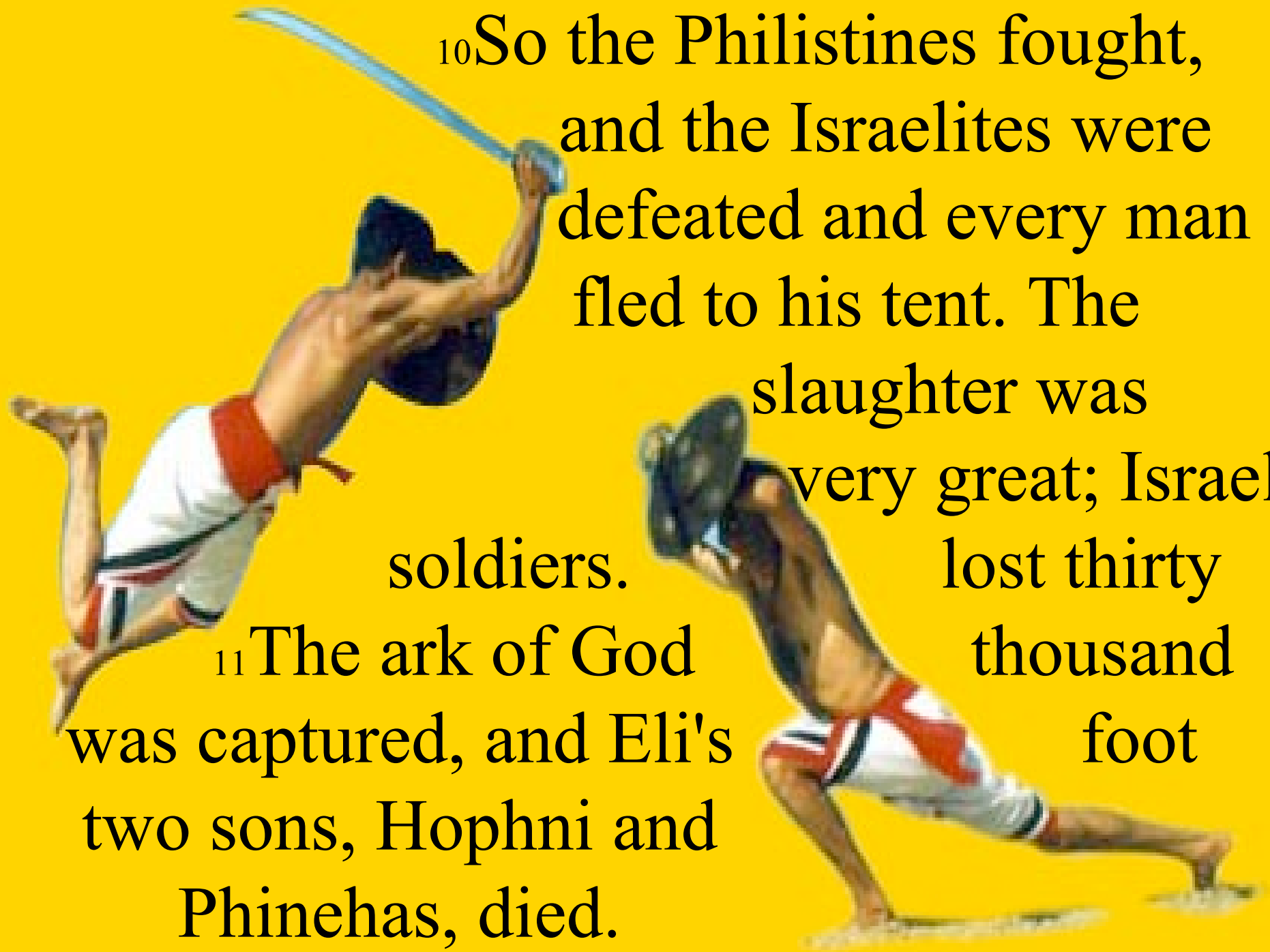
8 Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods?



They are the gods
who struck the
Egyptians with all
kinds of plagues in
the desert. 9Be
strong, Philistines!
Be men, or you will
be subject to the
Hebrews, as they
have been to you.
Be men, and fight!"

¹⁰So the Philistines fought,
and the Israelites were
defeated and every man
fled to his tent. The
slaughter was
very great; Israel
lost thirty
thousand
soldiers.

¹¹The ark of God
was captured, and Eli's
two sons, Hophni and
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